



**Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board**

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TO: Members of FASAB

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THROUGH: Wendy Comes, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Preliminary Project Plan for Reconsideration of Social Insurance Liability<sup>1</sup>

This Tab presents a preliminary plan (see Tab 1) for the social insurance liability project for the Board's consideration. The first seven pages present the plan in outline form. The remainder – the bulk of the material here – are appendices that provide excerpts from FASAB, FASB, GASB and other standards setters regarding liabilities, assets and other elements germane to the project. There is also an appendix providing a table that compares the pro and con arguments from SFFAS 17 regarding reporting a social insurance obligation.

Also, in this Tab is a memorandum from Mr. Mosso in which he considers asset and liability definitions. As the Board turns its attention to concepts and accounting elements, Mr. Mosso offers his thoughts regarding overarching principles for and possible definitions of assets and liabilities. Mr. Mosso's memo follows the plan outline and appendices at Tab 2.

The staff objective for the August meeting is to obtain comments, suggestions, and direction for the project. After this review the staff will incorporate the comments in the plan and begin the project as directed by the Board.

Should you have questions or concerns or for any reason wish to discuss the outline or any other subject please call me (202-512-7358).

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